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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 1997

Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. FILNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensa-
5 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-**
2 **TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY**
3 **COMPENSATION.**

4 (a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 1997, increase the
6 dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability com-
7 pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by
8 the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

9 (b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar
10 amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are
11 the following:

12 (1) COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar
13 amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38,
14 United States Code.

15 (2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-
16 ENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under
17 sections 1115(1) of such title.

18 (3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar
19 amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

20 (4) NEW DIC RATES.—The dollar amounts in
21 effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section
22 1311(a) of such title.

23 (5) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar
24 amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such
25 title.

1 (6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The
2 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and
3 1311(d) of such title.

4 (7) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The
5 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and
6 1314 of such title.

7 (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—(1) The in-
8 crease under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar
9 amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect on Novem-
10 ber 30, 1997.

11 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), each such
12 amount shall be increased by the same percentage as the
13 percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title
14 II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are
15 increased effective December 1, 1997, as a result of a de-
16 termination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
17 415(i)).

18 (3) Each dollar amount increased pursuant to para-
19 graph (2) shall, if not a whole dollar amount, be rounded
20 down to the next lower whole dollar amount.

21 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
22 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
23 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
24 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
25 Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of

1 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,
2 United States Code.

3 (e) PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.—At the
4 same time as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D)
5 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are
6 required to be published by reason of a determination
7 made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year
8 1997, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in
9 the Federal Register the amounts specified in subsection
10 (b), as increased pursuant to subsection (a).

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